

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for preparing a vendor- and version-independent information model that a cellular telephone base station
5 can use to communicate its capabilities in a plug and play fashion to a network element is disclosed. The information model can also be used to communicate configuration information back to the base station from the network element. The capabilities and configuration information is automatically communicated and
10 utilized, thus reducing the possibility of human operator error in configuring and pre-configuring new or modified base station equipment.